

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-50 have were originally presented for examination. A final rejection was applied against claims 1-39, 42 and 33-50 in view of certain prior art of record.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 40, 41 and 43 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-22, 24, 29-34, 39, 42 and 45 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 23, 25, 26-28, 35-38, 40-41, 43-44 and 46-50 are currently pending, of which apparatus claim 40 and method claim 43 have been amended to independent form to place them into condition for allowance, as suggested. Apparatus claims 23, 25, 26-28 and 35-38 have been amended to depend from independent claim 40. Method claims 44 and 46-50 have been amended to depend from independent claim 43. Applicant submits that these amended claims are also allowable since they depend from independent claims that contain allowable subject matter and add further limitations.

No new matter has been added by way of the present response. Some dependent claims have been edited to provide proper antecedent basis for the allowable lining layer subject matter. Favorable reconsideration of the claims as currently amended is respectfully requested.

Fee Statement

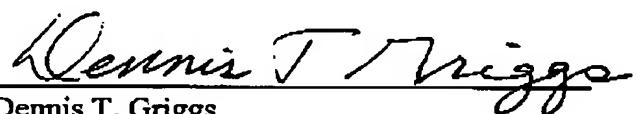
The number of independent claims and the total number of claims have been reduced by the present amendment. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fees are due for the filing of this Response. If, however, the Examiner should determine that fees are due, please charge the same to our deposit account (Account No. 07-2156).

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is requested to carefully consider the foregoing amendments and remarks. A favorable action in the form of an early notice of allowance of claims 23, 25, 26-28, 35-38, 40-41, 43-44 and 46-50 as amended is requested. If there are any matters remaining that may be cleared up by interview, please call Applicant's attorney at 972-447-4569.

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